

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region One, has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Boisvert's fishing access site. The project proposes to upgrade facilities, consider additional facilities, and redesign sites to protect the resource and improve public recreational use.

There were no changes to the draft EA; therefore, the draft becomes the final EA. A copy of the Decision Document is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Dan Vincent

Regional Supervisor

DV/nli Enclosure Decision Notice
and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Development of Boisvert's
Fishing Access Site

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region 1 490 N. Meridian Kalispell, MT 59901

April 26, 2001

Description of the Proposed Action:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region One, proposes to develop Boisvert's FAS as proposed in the master plan. The Master Site Plan includes reconstruction and upgrading the site; a relocated entrance; parking; paving; providing a host pad with electrical power, drain field, and water; a double-wide concrete ramp, including a rolling dock; stone barriers; relocation of power lines; handicapped-accessible concrete walkways; future fishing platform; and a handicapped-accessible vault toilet. Due to the size of the site and agreements reached during the acquisition, this will be a day-use site only, with no overnight camping. Due to the constraints of available money to fully finance the construction and other Regional priorities, completion may have to be extended over a period of 5 to 10 years.

## Public Comment:

Concerns expressed during the public comment period included:

- Improvements are not necessary; facilities at the Forest Service campground on the west end of the lake are adequate. The public identified acquisition and improvements at Boisvert's in 1993. While there is an improved ramp at the Forest Service campground, it is not believed this is adequate access to McGregor Lake. The campground is closed during the off-season, making Boisvert's the only available ramp during that time of year. In addition, up to 50 cars have been seen using Boisvert's, making improvements necessary.
- 2. <u>FWP should build a fence on the west boundary of the Boisvert's location.</u>
  This is planned in this project.
- 3. FWP should do a study of the effects of dust generated from Lost Prairie
  Road. This recommendation will be passed to the Fisheries division, but is
  outside of the scope of this project.

## Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA), I find Alternative 2, developing Boisvert's as proposed in the master plan, to be the preferred alternative. I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The final Environmental Assessment and the FONSI may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region One, 490 N. Meridian, Kalispell, MT 59901. Please direct requests and questions to:

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